



MEDIA LITTLE LEAGUE



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NEWSLETTER

Winter 2003

Upcoming 2002 Events

Registration – Rose Tree Firehouse

January 25 (Saturday)	noon – 3:00pm
January 27 (Monday)	6:00 – 9:00pm
February 1 (Saturday)	9:00am – noon
February 3 (Monday)	6:00 – 9:00pm

Player Evaluations – Springton Lake MS

February 15 (Saturday)	12:30pm	10 year olds
	2:00pm	11 year olds
	3:00pm	12 year olds
February 22 (Saturday)	12:30pm	8 year olds
	2:00pm	9 year olds
	3:00pm	10, 11 and 12 year olds makeups
February 28 (Friday)	5:30pm	8 and 9 year old makeups only

Coaches Clinics - MLL Complex

March 22 (Saturday)	Time and details to be announced
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Field Day - MLL Complex

March 29 (Saturday)	9:00am (Details on Page 3)
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Picture Day & Share Drive - MLL Complex

April 5 (Saturday)	10:00am (Details to be announced)
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Opening Day - MLL Complex

April 26 (Saturday)	Time and details to be announced
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Board and General Membership Meeting

May 7 (Wednesday)	8:30pm (Location to be announced)
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President's Message

As I drive past the Media Little League complex and see the empty parking lot and the vacant fields, it is hard for me to believe that just a short time ago the parking lot was full of cars and the fields overflowing with baseball players. Well, just as summer inevitably came to an end, so did the baseball season...or did it?

Although the "official" Little League baseball season was completed in July, there was still quite a bit of pitching and hitting going on in the Media area. This year a fall baseball program was ongoing through October. The Media Little League also participated in the Healthy Communities Initiative program in conjunction with the Rose Tree Media School District. This was an after school program designed to introduce baseball to children in grades 2-5 with the hope of attracting new players for the 2003 season.

The baseball season is never really "over" for those of us on the Media Little League Board. While the rest of the world is trading leather for pigskin, the MLL board is hard at work. This is the time of year when the new board is selected and new programs are discussed. Board members are busy putting together the next season's calendar so that it is available by registration.

So you see, baseball is never really over.

Thank you to all the players, coaches and their families for helping to make yet another outstanding season of baseball. We look forward to the 2003 season with the goal to make this season more enjoyable to the children than last season.

Joe Remy
President, Media Little League

Media Little League Website

www.medialittleleague.org

Follow the action of the 2003 season with schedules, scores, summaries, announcements, event calendars, etc. The MLL website had over 16,000 hits during 2002.

"Bookmark It" - www.medialittleleague.org

Media Little League Alumni Association Begins

Recently Media Little League had the honor and fortune to celebrate its 50th anniversary. As we all know today in our society not many things last 50 years. This great organization has provided my family with not only the opportunity to learn and play the game of baseball, but to become associated with many of our neighbors and create new friendships throughout our entire community. I anticipate that many of you have had similar experiences with your involvement in Media Little League.

Like many things in our lives, when our children or our spouse are no longer involved in a particular organization or activity, we tend to drift away from it. As we drift and time passes by we find those occasions when we look back and remember with fondness the times we experienced during our life with organizations and people. Again, this is something I feel that many of us experience regarding Media Little League. We remember when our children may have started T-ball, when we coached our first game, when we met other parents of children in our community; that first hit, the wins, the losses, the new color uniforms. Again many pleasurable times that allowed us to "...make memories..."

As time passes and things change in our lives, the memories do not and we want to make sure the memories of Media Little League continue. We are starting the Media Little League Alumni Association as a way to continue support of this great organization that benefited many of our children as well as ourselves over the years.

I ask each and every family that "...graduated..." or spent time in Media Little League to take a moment and think about the great memories that Media Little League was there to provide and contact someone else that you know who also had fun times at MLL. Give me a call or stop me and let me know of your interest in the Media Little League Alumni Association.

Let's give back a little to Media Little League for all it gave to us and our families over the years.

Charles M. O'Donnell
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Volunteers

We are a volunteer organization, and are committed to creating the best environment possible for your child. In order to provide the best possible environment, we need your help. Please stop and sign-up at our volunteer table at registration. We need:

- Managers**
- Coaches**
- Umpires**
- Snack bar openers and closers**
- Fence ads**
- Team sponsors**

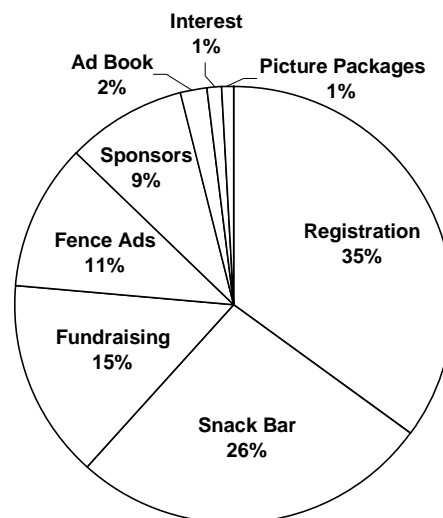
New for 2003 - Media Little League Sweatshirts and Satin Baseball Jackets

Get ready for the cold and windy practices and games of March and April by ordering the new Media Little League Sweatshirt or Satin Baseball Jacket that are new this year. Sample of these items will be available at registration and if you order by February 20, you will receive them by March 10.

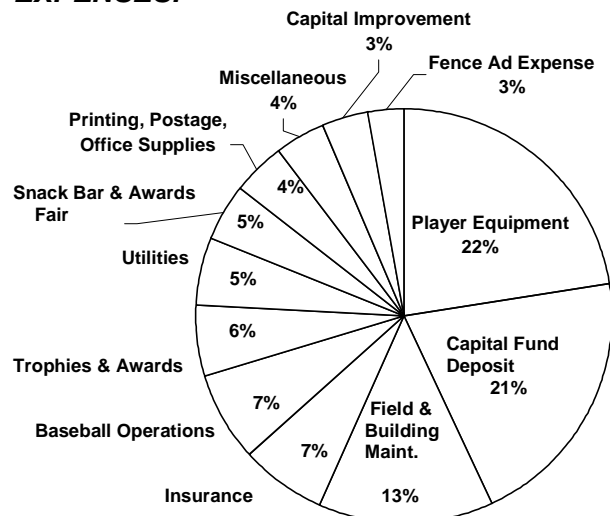
A hooded fleece sweatshirt with an embroidered Media Little League logo on the front will be \$29.00 and a satin baseball jacket with a large logo silk screened on the back will be \$35.00. Both will be available in children and adult sizes and either can be embroidered with a player's, coach's or fan's name for an additional \$2.00. Check out the flier and order form on the website at <http://www.medialittleleague.org> and get your orders in by February 20.

2002 MLL Budget

REVENUES:



EXPENSES:



2002 Post Season Baseball

This past year, Media Little League had seven teams with a total of over 80 players competing in post season baseball games and tournaments after the completion of regular season baseball. In addition to the two District 19 teams that compete in the official Little League Baseball Tournaments that lead to Williamsport (for the 12/11 year old team) and State Championships (for the 10/9 year old team) we also had five additional post season teams, two 11 year old teams, two 9 year old teams and an 8 year old team. The five teams and two tournament teams, after the completion of the Little League Tournament, compete in "All-Star" games with other Little Leagues in our area both in individually scheduled games and in local tournaments.

The 12/11 year old District 19 team finished the Little League Tournament with a 2-2 record, defeating Drexel Hill 1-0, losing to Aston-Middletown 7-1, defeating Leedom 12-7 and losing to Upper Darby 5-1.



12/11 YEAR OLD TOURNAMENT TEAM

Left to right: 1st Row; Omar Zayas, Brad Wenzel, Patrick Meyers, Kevin Gillen, Brody Robbins. 2nd Row; Phil Blonski, Colin Pettinati, J.J. Dombroski, Tim Campbell, Doug Moppert, Eric Volpe, Jacob Buttery. 3rd row; Manager - Joe Cavalcante, Coaches - Terry Dotts & Joe Volpe. Not shown; Coach Eric Fuller.

The 10/9 year old District 19 team completed a successful campaign in 2002 by winning their way to the final four in the District 19 tournament. The team finished the tournament with a 3-2 record, defeating Drexel Hill 2-1, defeating Darby 10-1, losing to Aston-Middletown 9-6, defeating Del Val 11-1 and losing to Newtown-Edgemont 6-5.



10/9 YEAR OLD TOURNAMENT TEAM

Left to right; Kneeling; Andrew Snow, Jeremiah Green, Brian Mehalick, Jerry Boyer, Ryan Luffey. Middle Row; Scottie Kotcamp, Ben Hartzell, Matt Atkinson, Alex Geosits, Jordan Hill, Ryan Donovan, Patrick Smith. Back Row; Coach Ed Snow, Manager Mark Hill, Coach Scott Kotcamp.

In 2001, Media Little League fielded its first ever 8 year old post season team. While this team had success in its own right, the real payoff came this year. As 9 year olds, this group excelled, compiling a 10 win, 5 loss post season record including a first place finish in the Franny McGloughlin Aston-Middletown tournament. While the entire 6 week post season was filled with terrific games and exciting plays, the highlight was winning the Aston-Middletown tournament. This was no small feat given the quality of the competition, which included Newtown-Edgemont, Chichester, Aston-Middletown, Aston-Valley, Brandywine and Marple.

Media's 9 year old team's success in the Aston-Middletown tournament and over the course of the post season was a great experience for the players, coaches and parents. Perhaps more important for the kids was experiencing first hand, the satisfaction and sense of accomplishment that comes from hard work (practice), teamwork and determination.



9 YEAR OLD POST SEASON TEAM

Brian Bosco, Ian Campbell, Ben Davis, Kevin Dombroski, Jacob Enterlin, Julian Heller, Sean Hobson, Sean Mayo, Conner McCarren, Kevin Melone, Ryan Myers, Jimmy Reese and Ronnie Tassoni. Coaches: Scott Bosco, Jim Heller and Matt Melone

Field Day

March 29 – 9:00 am and March 30 – 10:00 am

Media Little League takes great pride in the condition of our complex and particularly all of our fields, from Tball to the Major Leagues. It takes a lot of hard work and effort to maintain the excellent condition of our complex. **We need your help!** Each spring prior to the start of the baseball season, under the direction of our Field Directors, Mike Caramanico and Jack Duffy, and our Directors of Facilities, Joe Rabena and Ed Stevens, we prepare the complex and fields for the upcoming season. With enough volunteers it takes only a few hours of effort on Saturday to complete the required work. All of the work is then rewarded with a delicious barbecue lunch that has been prepared in past years by Doug Anderson. Last year we had a record turnout of volunteers and we still had plenty of food for everyone. Please come and join us this year.

2002 MEDIA LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

MAJOR LEAGUE

PETERSON & PETERSON

Manager - Mark Hill
Coach - Tom Mehalick
Coach – Eric Chen

Kevin Campbell
Tim Campbell
Isaac Chen
Alex Gallagher
Jamie Goldsmith
Jordan Hill
William Horrocks
Kevin Mehalick
Chris Naccarelli
Stephen Weathers
Brad Wenzel
Paul Zippi

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BEVAN'S CANDY

Manager - Ed Snow
Coach - Ed Atkinson

Matt Atkinson
Jerry Boyer
Jackson Buttery
Jeffrey Clark
Andrew Feuerstein
Jeremiah Green
Sean Mayo
Chris McCusker
Steven Melaugh
Mathew Munin
Jason Silverberg
Andrew Snow

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ABCO

Manager - Jim Heller
Coach - Matt Melone

Jim Allen
John Allen
Brian Berry
John Brian Betz
Gabriel Cavalier
Adam Curran
Connor Gallen
Julian Heller
Drew Huppman
Ian McLarney
Kevin Melone
Kenneth Mullen

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Thank you,
Tom Mehalick – Director of Public Relations

